

MINUTES
Tennessee Public Charter School Commission
 Commission Meeting
 Wednesday, July 30, 2020 | 9:15 a.m. CT

Electronic Meeting

Video Recording: <https://youtu.be/-UqpYRWgLBA>

Note: These minutes correspond to the video recording. Each item has a minute counter assigned to the subject location in the audio file.

9:16 – 9:34 a.m.

00:00:00-00:18:00

Opening Comments, Roll Call, Agenda, Prior Minutes

Chairman Griscom commenced the meeting and introduced Shanell Tyler, counsel to the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission. Ms. Tyler conveyed the justification for conducting the meeting electronically as authorized by TCA 8-44-108. Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic concerns, state budget challenges, and restrictions against large public gatherings, the Commission determined it necessary to conduct the meeting via teleconference. The meeting was noticed and the Agenda provided for the public on the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission website. Ms. Tyler explained that the meeting would not be accessible to the public in real time, as permitted by Executive Orders 16 and 51, but would be recorded. The recording would be posted on the Commission’s website after the meeting concluded.

Action of the Commissioners

Roll Call/Quorum							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Outcome: 8 of 8 Present; quorum established. Meeting called to order.							

Action of the Commissioners

Motion to suspend the established rule of the Commission requiring open meetings, given the Governor’s Executive Orders and the need to ensure an equitable interview opportunity for all candidates.							
Motion made by: Alan Levine Seconded by: Eddie Smith							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; motion passes.							

Action of the Commissioners

Agenda Approval							
Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett Seconded by: Terence Patterson							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; agenda approved.							

Action of the Commissioners

Minutes of July 22, 2020 Meeting Approval							
Motion made by: Alan Levine Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; minutes to June 24, 2020 meeting approved.							

Commissioner Richards then reviewed the interview process to be conducted for each of the six candidates.

Action of the Commissioners

Motion to advance two candidates to the final stage of evaluation. Amended motion to advance a minimum of two and a maximum of three candidates to the final stage of evaluation.							
Original motion made by: Chris Richards Seconded by: Derwin Sisnett							
Amended motion made by Eddie Smith Seconded by: Wendy Tucker							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 7 of 8 voting yes to amended motion; Motion passes.							

9:34 a.m. to 4:05 p.m.

00:18:00-6:35:45

Candidate Interviews

- 1st Candidate – Jerry Sanders
- 2nd Candidate – Adam Miller
- 3rd Candidate – Ben Schumacher
- 4th Candidate – Tess Stovall
- 5th Candidate – Taylor Fulcher
- 6th Candidate – Erika Berry

4:05 p.m. – 4:28 p.m.

6:35:45-6:59:00

Review of Executive Director Candidates (Chris Richards, Commission Member)

Commissioner Richards reviewed the voting process and opened the floor for discussion of each of the candidates, in alphabetical order. Discussion ensued. After all comments had been shared, each Commissioner identified up to three candidates to advance to the final round of consideration. The results were as follows:

- T. Stovall – selected by 8 Commissioners
- B. Schumacher - selected by 7 Commissioners
- J. Sanders - selected by 6 Commissioners
- A. Miller - selected by 2 Commissioners
- E. Berry - selected by 0 Commissioners
- T. Fulcher - selected by 0 Commissioners

Action of the Commissioners

Motion to Advance J. Sanders, T. Stovall, B. Schumacher to final round.							
Motion made by: Derwin Sisnett Seconded by: Terence Patterson							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; motion approved.							

4:28 p.m. – 4:56 p.m.

6:59:00-7:28:33

Discussion ensued about the format of the meeting to be held on August 12, 2020 to interview the three finalists and select the Executive Director. Amongst other logistical matters, it was determined that the meeting would be held virtually and would be live-streamed to the public.

4:56 p.m. – 4:57:20

7:28:33-7:29:53

Action of the Commissioners

Motion to Adjourn							
Motion made by: Alan Levine Seconded by: Wendy Tucker							
Griscom	Richards	Patterson	Sisnett	Tucker	Hanson	Smith	Levine
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Outcome: 8 of 8 voting yes; meeting adjourned.							